HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: (*a*) In the course of the next three months.

(*b*) This is being done even now.

Wild elephants.

162. DR. M. O. CHERIYAN: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether he has received petitions and representations from the cultivators in Marayoor area in Devicolam taluk regarding extensive damage to paddy crops caused by periodical visits of half a dozen wild elephants; and

(*b*) what steps the Government have taken to ameliorate the cultivators suffering caused through these wild animals?

HON'BLE MR. K. M. KORAH: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) They are being enquired into.

Mineral companies.

163. MR. K. A. MUHAMMED: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Industries be pleased to place on the table a copy of the Mining agreement that Government have entered into with these mineral companies?

HON'BLE MR. T. M. VARGHESE: A Copy of the Mining Agreement is placed on the table.

AGREEMENT.

THIS AGREEMENT is made on the twenty-fourth day of September 1946 BETWEEN THE DEWAN OF TRAVANCORE (hereinafter referred to as the Dewan which expression shall where the context so admits be deemed to include his successors in office) acting for and on behalf of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Ttavancore (hereinafter referred to as the Government) of the one part and THE TRAVANCORE MINERALS COMPANY LIMITED a Company incorporated under the English Companies Acts and having its registered office at 2 High Street WORKING in the Country of Surrey in England (hereinafter referred to as the Company which expression shall where the context so admits be deemed to include its assigns) of the other part WHEREAS:

(i) The Company has for many years been carrying on mining operations in the State of Travancore under various leases and eventually under a lease dated 16th November 1928 which expired oy 15th November 1943 and temporary extensions thereof granted bn the Government.

(ii) All the mineral sands of Travancore are the exclusive property of the Government and the Government have agreed that the mining dressing and sale of the said sands (except Monazite) shall be carried out by the Company and three other Companies to wit (a) Hopkin and Williams (Travancore) Limited (b) F. X. Pereira and Sons (Travancore) Limited. (c) The Associated Mineral Company Limited.

NOW in consideration of the premises IT IS HEREBY AGREED and declared as follows:

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